

Whereas, the Lafayette County Health Department is celebrating Fifty Years of service to area residents; and

Whereas, in 1953 a sixteen member County Health Steering Committee was appointed to analyze county health programs, an important project which resulted in the 1957 hiring of County Health Nurse Catherine Boedeker Winfrey and the establishment of the first contract with the state of Missouri to provide public health services underwritten by Public Health monies; and

Whereas, with the founding of the Lafayette County Health Department, local citizens began receiving the benefits of mass polio immunization clinics, school hearing and vision screenings, and home and office visits to dispense tuberculosis medicines, dressings for cancer patients, and advice on home nursing, first aid, babysitting, and civil defense programs; and

Whereas, in addition to becoming the lead agency to coordinate disaster planning for the entire county, the Lafayette County Health Department in 1963 expanded immunization services to include prevention of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and smallpox; and

Whereas, the Lafayette County Health Department initiated a Maternal Child Health program in 1967 to educate the public about prenatal and infant health issues, added Family Planning services and mass immunization clinics for rubella in 1970, and began Child Health Conferences in 1973 to offer free well-child check-ups for children from birth through five years of age; and

Whereas, the 1980s brought an Environmental Sanitarian position to begin offering inspections of food establishments and sewer systems; the 1990s focused on collaboration with other entities to optimize health services; and the new millennium ushered the Mentoring Moms program into existence:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the establishment of the Lafayette County Health Department, to commend its invaluable record of community service, and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for unparalleled success now and in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Lafayette County Health Department.

Offered by _____
Representative Jim Seigfreid
District No. 26

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I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4138, adopted September 23, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker